

It was sitting right in the middle of the Bhuj-Mandvi road, approximately 8 miles from Bhuj, eating a hare which was left behind when it flew off as I got very near the bird in my jeep.

BHUJ, KUTCH,
March 31, 1970.

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7. NOTES ON INDIAN BIRDS—12. EXTENSION OF
THE SOUTHERN LIMITS OF THE EASTERN STOCK
DOVE (*COLUMBA EVERSMANNI* BONAPARTE)

The Eastern Stock Dove (*Columba evermanni* Bonaparte), a winter migrant to India, is known to occur as far south as Darbhanga, Bihar, in the east but on the western side it has not been noted south of Ambala and Ludhiana in the Punjab.

The Society's collection includes a ♀ No. 12903, obtained at Gwalior, C.I., by C. Marie on 9 March 1903, with the label marked 'Very large flocks on peepal'.

I also find in my notes on a three-day visit to Bharatpur, Rajasthan, in October 1951, a reference to some pigeons 'very like the Blue Rock (*C. livia*) but slightly smaller and all with pure white rumps. In pairs and in parties of 15/20 in open. Once put out of tree'. Upon my return, I identified them as *C. evermanni* but omitted to record them.

It would appear that this bird is found further south than accepted, though it is uncertain if this is only occasional or happens every year. The white rump (really croup or lower back) is very distinctive.

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8. AN ADDITION TO THE LIST OF INDIAN BIRDS—THE
MIGRATORY JUNGLE NIGHTJAR, *CAPRIMULGUS*
INDICUS JOTAKA TEMM. & SCHL.

On the night of 28th April 1970, we left Port Blair, Andamans, by a police launch for Narcondam Island, 160 miles north-east. At about 5 a.m. the following morning, I came on deck and was surprised to see a dark dove-sized bird flying low over the water about 30 yards away. The white spots on the wings suggested a nightjar but